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The Oxford County Citizen.

A. B. Herick 6-10-17

VOLUME XXII—NUMBER 45.

BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1917.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
The theme of the discourse next Sunday will be, "The End of the Commandment."

Miss Margaret Herick will lead the Christian Endeavor service in the evening.

All second class Scouts invited to the paragon next Monday evening. The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Angela Clark, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Charles Crosby and Mrs. Vitella Small, both of Bethel, were united in marriage at the Congregational paragon, Wednesday evening, Mar. 7.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Boy Scouts are planning a public meeting for Friday evening of next week.

Last Wednesday evening was marked by the last and the best of the excellent entertainment course given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of this church. It is regretted that the course could not have been financially profitable, but the whole community is indebted to this society for the opportunity offered to see and hear talent of a very high order at a very low cost. There has not been one week number in the series, and the girls' number is especially given with many present called the "most enjoyable program given in Bethel for a dozen years."

The sermon topic for next Sunday is, "The Young Man's Christ." The members of the Boy Scouts and of the Y. M. C. A. are especially interested in this address.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The Social Six will have their regular meeting this week, Saturday.

The Boy Scouts will entertain at the home of the pastor, Tuesday afternoon of last week. A club is soon to be organized.

The subject of the morning sermon will be, "Sunshine in the Soul," next Sunday.

The subject of the evening meeting will be, "The Heroism of Jesus. Exordy Heroism. How May We Have The Heroic Spirit?"

At the Universalist Chapel, Thursday, March 15.

There will be one of the simplest and most interesting ever seen.

There will be parcels of this, and parcels of that.

It may be a bonnet, it may be a hat; But something to eat, to use or to wear.

In the package you purchase you'll find to be there.

Come one and all and enjoy the fun. Don't wait till after the show's begun.

But be first at the Social to meet others you know.

For there the young and the old most surely will go.

To shake off dull care, and give life new zeal.

As they share in the happiness that others feel.

RESOLUTIONS**ADOPTED BY ALDER RIVER GRANGE, NO. 145, ON THE DEATH OF BRO. ZENAS W. BARTLETT.**

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has removed from our Order, our worthy Brother, Zenas W. Bartlett, therefore be it

Resolved, That by his death Alder River Grange has lost a valuable member, and that we ever cherish the memory of our Brother.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the loss of our Brother, and miss his cheerful presence, and kindly words, yet realize that what is our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to his family in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That our Charter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on our records, a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the Oxford County Citizen for publication.

RUSSELL L. SWAN,
L. C. BARTLETT,
CLYDE M. KIMBALL,
Com. on Resolutions.**NOTICE.**

Beginning Monday, Mar. 19, it is necessary for me to advance prices on fancy shirts, collars and cuffs to the standard rate charged by handies.

DOMESTIC HAND LAUNDRY.
D. C. Conroy, Prop.

CORPORATION MEETING

Everything passed off very quietly at the Corporation meeting on Monday night.

There was a rumor of some opposition but none materialized and all the old officers were re-elected. Two articles were passed over, one relating to the discount that would be paid on taxes paid before a certain date and the other in regard to installing more street lights.

The matter of a fire alarm system was discussed and it was left for the next annual meeting. Mr. Van announced that if the telephone office was notified of a fire each telephone line would be warned by one long ring.

It was voted to take over and assume the care of the Soldiers' Monument lot. \$50 was raised to improve Kimball park with the understanding that the abutters would raise a like amount.

OFFICERS.Moderator—F. B. Merrill.
Clerk—F. E. Hanson.

Assessors—D. G. Lovejoy, C. K. Fox, L. W. Ramsell.

Treasurer—L. L. Carver.
Auditor—E. C. Park.

Park Com. for 3 years—Dr. J. G. Gehring.

Fire Engineers—W. C. Garry, H. P. Rowe, F. L. Edwards.

Collector—F. B. Hall.
Rate—\$0.15 on a dollar.**APPROPRIATIONS.**Lighting Streets, \$1,125.
Fire Department, 400.
Hydrants, 900.
Sinking Fund for Fire Dept., 100.
Miscellaneous Expenses, 200.
Care of Parks, 150.
Police Pay, 25.
The appropriations were \$199 less than last year.**RESOLUTIONS.**

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst our late Brother, Zenas W. Bartlett, and

Whereas, it is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be made, therefore be it

Resolved, by Oxford River Lodge, No. 54, K. of P., that while we lose with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn our brother who has been taken from us.

Resolved, that in the death of Zenas W. Bartlett this lodge laments the loss of a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to needy and distressed of the fraternity, an active member of the society whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity. A friend and companion who was dear to us all, a citizen, upright, noble and who was a standard for emulation to his fellows.

Resolved, that the heartfelt sympathy of this Lodge be extended to his family in their affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our departed Brother and to the Oxford County Citizen.

JOHN F. MARTIN,
HARRY E. DYER,
FRED B. HOWE,
Com. on Resolutions.**NOTICE.**

At Mr. Upson's Music Room, Tuesday evening, April third, at eight o'clock, some of the young ladies of Bethel will appear in two short plays under the direction of Miss Schenck of Cincinnati.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

On Feb. 15, 1917, a brown and yellow colored dog, answers to the name of Towser. Owner's name on collar. Reward offered. Please notify ABNER B. KIMBALL.

Route 3, Bethel, Me.
C. H. P.**GOVERNMENT SEEDS.**

A letter from Senator Bert M. Prentiss of Maine informs us that seeds designed for Maine, under the Government's free distribution plan, will be shipped from Washington about March 15. This will mean that the supply which the Senator has arranged for the Citizens to distribute among its readers ought to be available by the 20th of March.

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Mr. Kelley Cole was an overnight guest at the Inn on Monday. Mr. Cole is the Portland representative of the Vacuum Oil Co.

Sleighting is still good and there is plenty of snow for snowshoeing and skiing, but the weather has been such that the toboggan chute and skating have not been good the past week.

The many friends of Mr. Leon H. Ciley, Manager of Bethel Inn will be sorry to learn he was obliged to undergo a serious operation for mastoid in Boston the past week. He is not yet out of danger but we hope to hear favorable news soon.

Among those at the Inn the past week were: Orlando Libby, Portland; W. H. Sprague, Portland; C. A. Skinner, Portland; W. H. Drechsler, Boston; David F. Burns, Boston; F. H. Osgood, Portland; F. L. Harlow, Gorham, Me.; Meyer Seibing, Portland; R. B. Grant, Boston; P. E. Whitman, Clinton, Me.; L. E. Gibbs, Westfield, Mass.; W. H. Norton, Portland.

A party of young people had a struggle to Spunkhawk Mountain on Monday afternoon. The weather was fine and the trip was much enjoyed. Most of the party carried snow shoes and followed the trails over the mountain. Among those who made up the party were: Mr. W. J. Upson and "Tim." Miss Margaret Allen, Miss Paton, Mrs. James, Miss Alice Kames, Mr. Smith and Mr. Irving Carver.

ALPHABET SALE, MARCH 15.

The Ladies' Aid will hold an "Alphabet Sale," Thursday afternoon and evening, March 15, in the Methodist church. Supper European style will be served at six and refreshments of all sorts during the afternoon. Following are the articles to be found in each booth:

A has aprons of all shapes and sizes, and also will sell them at reasonable prices.

B has bags, baby's things, baskets and bands, buns, bread and butter, and plates of baked beans.

C has cushions, collars and corset covers; fine; cakes, cocoa and coffee served hot at half past five.

D's things are a queer combination though the finest in the land: doughnuts, and dolls dishes, and dish clothes made by hand.

E the best letter along the line has some embroidery that is fine.

F has fudge that is nice and sweet, with flowers, ferns and gold fish in a booth that is neat.

G has glass ware, the display is fine, each piece will cost you a nickel or a dime.

H has holders and handkerchiefs galore, boiled ham and herrings, one couldn't ask for more.

I has refreshments that is said to be sweet as a dream, and will serve none other than delicious home made ice cream.

J has good jelly, most every kind, while.

K has kimonos, one to suit you surely will find.

L serves a cool, sweet temperance drink, what it is I'll leave you to think.

M has sheet music and

N makes notions that are neither all by nor query, has buttons and trawls, thread, pins and thumbtacks, with prices that are not very dear.

O represents oranges and Matamoras. Van Boggin presides, she'll tell you your troubles the past and the present, also the future beside.

P has pretty all flaky and fragrant with spices, pineapples and pictures that are very nice.

Q has quilts for the baby and quilts that are crazy and not very many at that, while.

R has rumpers and a couple of rags that will do for the home or your camp.

S has soap, socks and clippers, and to make the scheme complete serves a variety of sandwiches and other things good to eat.

T serves hot tea and has some things beautiful, while.

U has a few things that are really useful.

V has a victrola and on it we'll play to make the time more pleasant and pass cheerfully away.

W, X, Y and Z will hold an exhibit of ancient things, novelties and old china, pictures, etc.

78th MAINE

LEGISLATURE

**Our Special Correspondent
Writes of the Past
Week's Work**

The high lights of the 10th week of the 78th Maine Legislature were the passage of Sen. Holt's resolve for universal military training in Maine with the patriotic fervor engendered in the debate incident thereto; refusal by the Senate with vigorous support and opposition, and tabling in the House of the repeal of the act in relation to the tax on railroads, telegraphs and express; the two day's hearings on the Dutton bill for a Maine water power commission, the final passage of Lewiston police commission bill, and the introduction of several new bills of considerable importance.

The Senate on Wednesday morning, with numerous eloquent speeches in favor and not a voice raised in opposition adopted the report by the committee on military affairs, "ought to pass" on the resolution providing for military training. The House held up its end nobly by also granting unanimous passage to the resolution on Thursday. Among the inspiring addresses which the resolution called forth were those by Senators Gilpin, Butler of Knox, Wood and Davies, and Representatives Berry, Kinson, Redman, Brewster and Larabee.

An enthusiastic senator remarked, "Some action from the recent patriotic action in the United States Senate."

The big hearing of the week was on the bill introduced by Rep. Clarence Dutton of Bingham for a commission to take over and administer the water powers of Maine. The commission would be constituted by three men, one appointed for three years, one for five years and one for seven years, all appointments thereafter to be for seven years. The chairman would receive an annual salary of \$5,000, and each other member \$4,000. A clerk would receive \$2,500, and an assistant would receive \$1,500. Besides these would be a corps of expert engineers and such other employees as might be needed. This it will be noted, closely follows the make-up of the public utilities commission. The commission would have the power to seize or expropriate by its own recommendation, upon authority given by the governor and council, any water powers, plants or sites deemed an advantage for the people of Maine. The proponents of the measure secured the services of F. B. Yates of Ontario to explain the workings of a commission in that province similar to the commission proposed by the Dutton bill. He followed a prepared speech as given out to the newspapers by Percival Baxter, sponsor for the Baxter bill of similar intent, but at the close of his address he was subjected to such a disconcerting cross-examination that he finally stated, "It's all a game of politics, anyway." The opponents of the bill put their innings on Thursday and placed evidence before the committee tending to prove the unconstitutionality of such a law. The Baxter bill which is virtually a return to the old water storage commission taken over by the public utilities commission is scheduled for hearing this week.

Another hearing resulted in a hot not a rest when the banks and bank committee took up Bank Commissioner Irving Vernon's bill providing that "it is unlawful for any newspaper, periodical or magazine published in any city or town in this state to publish, print or reproduce any advertisement wherein there shall be of record for sale, directly or indirectly, partnership or corporation placing any advertisement shall be a registered dealer, under penalty of \$50 for each insertion or advertisement to be recovered upon complaint." The newspaper men of Maine rallied against the bill, so impressing it was a kind word—Mr. Vernon that he immediately by offered an amendment, allowing the publishers to publish the advertisement one time, when upon notice by the banking department the ad would be withdrawn.

The hearing before the committee on education on the bill providing for the distribution of the public school fund of the state on the basis of the aggregate attendance of the pupils in the public schools in the cities and

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange met on the evening of March 8 for its regular meeting. Owing to the stormy evening the attendance was small, although the officers were all there with the exception of the Chaplain, Secretary and Flora. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a small class. It was decided to hold an all day session for our next meeting, March 22, and issue invitations to Pleasant Valley, Alder River, Round Mountain and Bear River Granges. The program for the same is in the hands of Pauline Mason, Ella Lyon, Eva Haggood and Clara Grover. Owing to the very late hour the program was quite short as follows:

Opening Song.
Roll Call.
Recitation.
Reading.
Reading.

Then the feast prepared by the Graces was announced. It consisted of baked beans, brown bread, pickles, white bread and butter, custard, apple and mince pies, hot coffee. It was a very jolly company that gathered around the bountiful spread.

CANTON GRANGE.

A good meeting of Canton Grange was held Saturday with a good attendance and several visitors present. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of candidates in the forenoon. Mrs. Martha J. Childs was elected secretary in place of Mrs. Ella Wright, who has resigned. She was installed by O. M. Richardson, assisted by the L. A. S. Miss Ruth Johnson. The first number of the program was "The Grange of America" by all.

Topic, "Good Roads: How Best to Secure Them," opened by C. P. Tripp and discussed by O. M. Richardson, Mrs. A. H. Adams, C. T. Bonney, F. E. Atkins, John Briggs and A. H. Adams; recitation, Miss Ruth Johnson; music by choir; half hour with the Boys' Sweet Corn Club, an outline of the work of the Club and reports of the Portland and Orono meetings being given by Corn Club members, Arthur Tucker, Donald Adams, John Tripp and Rodney McCallister, which was very interesting in all papers.

"Maine History," by Miss Florence G. Childs, read by Mrs. Martha J. Childs; an interesting talk on the early history of Maine by O. M. Richardson was much enjoyed; reading, C. T. Bonney; vocal solo, John K. Farhan, who responded to an encore.

NORWAY GRANGE.

Norway Grange met Saturday, Mar. 10. Meeting opened by Worthy Master G. W. Richardson at 10:15 A. M. All officers present. Opening exercises included a song by the Grange chorus, followed by routine work. Seven candidates were balloted on and admitted to membership. The first and second degrees were then conferred on a large class. Dinner was next in order. Meeting called to order at 1:15 P. M. The contest program presented by the captain, Jackson and Abbott, was exceedingly interesting and showed much thought in the preparation of the features presented, which follows:

Song in costume, Irish melody, encore. Masqueraders, headed by Sir Walter Scott and Queen Elizabeth who danced the Willow dance, twenty in all, encore.

Echo Tableau, Colonial Couple. Original paper, O. W. Richardson illustrated song, "Mother MacCre, encore, "Mother MacCre's Daughter,"

Courtship of Miles Standish, with five tableaux, Adelaide Young, reader. Song, "Take Me Back to Old Virginia," encore.

Week of the Hoosier, illustrated. Reader, Mrs. Foster Jackson. Paper, Grant's Waste Basket—Eli from and reader, Annie Goodwin. Fair, "Seeking a Marriage License," June Time and Rose Time, song, illustrated, encore.

Scarf Drill, Three young ladies, M. Emma Packard, director. Every number was keenly appreciated by the audience, which included visitors from several Sister Granges. Business was again resumed. W. H. Buck made a preliminary report in regard to the Sweet Corn Club. Communication from Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., in regard to the Seed Oats also communication from R. H. Mitchell in the interests of the Corn Clubs. Resolutions on the death of Brother George Abbott were presented by H. D. Smith, chairman of committee on resolutions; approved, a copy to be published. Clarence Buck was appointed leader of 155 Boys.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I am prepared to do all kinds of plumbing and repair work at a reasonable price, also sheet metal work. All work carefully and promptly attended to.
ALBERT BURKE,
Bethel, Maine.
Telephones—Shop, 19—15; Res., 29—7**FURNISHED ROOMS
AUTO AND TEAM CONVEYANCE
C. C. BRYANT,**
2 Mechanic Street, Bethel, Maine.
Telephone Connection.**DR. AUSTIN TENNEY, Oculist.**
Practice limited to diseases of the Eye and the fitting of Glasses. Office at house of Clarence Hall, Bethel. Last Saturday of every month. All work guaranteed.
Office hours—8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.**SHOE REPAIRING.**
Neatly and Promptly Done.
Races, Polishes, Whitening, Etc.
A. B. BUXTON,
Maine Street, Bethel, Maine.
Opposite N. E. Brown's.**OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT**
broken or any condition. We pay up to \$5 a set, according to value. Mail to us and get our offer. If unsatisfactory, will return teeth.
DOMESTIC SUPPLY CO.,
Binghamton, N. Y.
2-22-17.**FOR SALE.**
Ten tons of good hay. Inquire of
MRS. J. C. BILLINGS,
Bethel, Maine.
2-22-17.**RAGS WANTED.**
Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.
CITIZEN OFFICE.**FOR SALE.**
Pair bay horses, well matched, good workers or drivers, either single or double; also set of work harnesses, two horse wagon gear, and hay rack, all in good condition.
P. M. BARKER,
Bethel, Maine.
3-8-17.**TATTOOING.**
Made very neatly and at a reasonable price.
WEETATT CLUB,
Inquire of Mrs. Thomas Browne.
3-15-17.**SHOES**
A fine line of men's heavy shoes for spring.
Heavy calked river driver shoes.
All kinds of foot wear for the whole family.
Shoe and rubber repairing of all kinds. All work guaranteed.
All orders and repair work sent post paid.
YOUNG'S SHOE STORE.
Phone 14—4.
Corn Club. Remarks for good of the order by F. S. G. Abbott and H. D. Smith.
The next meeting will be held on March 24, to open at 10:30 A. M. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred, followed by a harvest dinner. Dinner committee beginning with the letter, T, U, W, Y, A, B, C, Sister Hattie Brown chairman. Contest program presented in the afternoon.
There is much helpful work being done and practical illustrations being made by the county agents and others of the College Extension and there is no time like the present to get ideas that will help in planning the year's work on the farm, and giving help to others.
Topic, "What crops will be the most profitable to plant or sow this coming season and what new methods are you going to adopt in carrying on your work?"
Oxford Farmers meets with Oxford Grange, Oxford, Tuesday, April 2.

The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

DRESS.

Frances M. Whitecomb, Assistant Professor of Home Economics, in Farmers' Week Course.

Clothes are primarily for protection from cold, secondarily for a covering for modesty and for decoration. The main requirements for undergarments are that they shall be of a material that is easily laundered, a non-conductor of heat, and one that has power to absorb moisture and give it up easily. The garments should be loose, to allow free movement of the body at all times. They should also be light in weight to avoid being a drag on the body.

Of the different textiles cotton seems the best suited to the least expensive for undergarments. It is easily laundered, wears well, and with an open mesh it is a non-conductor of heat. The main requirements for outer garments is warmth. A close weave is better for a windy day. Two thicknesses are better than one, for the layer of air between helps to keep the body warm. The lining of a coat illustrates this.

Another requirement for our outer garments is a design for the costume that is suited to our personal needs. Garments speak for or against us, they make us feel uncomfortable or ill at ease. If appropriately and becomingly dressed, we gain poise. Our garments should be subordinate to us, as individuals, they should bring out our good points. To produce this effect we should study lines and color and their relation to costume.

In general, vertical lines tend to lengthen the figure, and decrease the width; horizontal lines to decrease the height and increase the width. To emphasize height attention should not be called to the outlines of the figure, rather to long lines through the central part of the figure. To broaden a figure, the outer edges of sleeves, skirt and shoulders should be emphasized. A short skirt decreases height, whereas a train adds height to the figure.

Lines of trimmings, rows or buttons and seams should not run in various directions without regard for other lines. Spaces between should be orderly and pleasing. Spotty effects by great contrasts of color, by large designs or broad stripes should be avoided. They have a tendency to increase size.

Quiet color is an evidence of good taste in dress. The color should not detract from the wearer's charm. A person with sallow complexion should avoid colors that would emphasize this quality—as bright reds, greens, yellows and purples. A person with a very colorless complexion and light hair should avoid dark colors next her skin. The contrast is too great. She should also avoid bright colors. The grayed colors nearer the value of her complexion would be very good. The color of the eyes may be deepened by wearing a costume of similar color. Colors have different qualities. Red is irritating, adds size, should be used cautiously in its most intense tone. The light values as pinks, may be worn by many.

Orange is similar to red. It must be used with care. In small amounts it adds brilliancy. Browns, mixtures of orange, can be used more freely.



Fertilize Your Land

New England Animal Fertilizers are made of **BONE, BLOOD and MEAT**—natural plant foods and the nearest approach to farmyard manure. They return to the soil what it needs and keep it rich and productive. They grow large and profitable crops.

Increase the value of your land at low cost by using New England Animal Fertilizers. A brand for every crop. See our dealer and write us for booklet, "Forceful Facts for Farmers."

NEW ENGLAND FERTILIZER CO., Boston, Mass.
For Sale by FRED L. EDWARDS, Bethel, Maine.

NEW ENGLAND ANIMAL FERTILIZERS

Yellow is a light color, it increases size. It may be used in touches to liven a costume. Green in its grayed tones is very restful. It has a receding quality which makes the figure appear smaller. Dark blue is a good serviceable color—well adapted for business garments. It decreases size. Light blue is good for people with blue eyes—it increases their intensity. Grayed blues are the most interesting and becoming. Violet in its subdued tones is a color full of interest. Toward the purple it is rich in tone, but a hard color for most people to wear.

Fashion should not be our ideal. We must conform to a certain extent to it, in regard to size of sleeves, width and length of skirts. The lines and color of the costume, however, we should select according to our good. Appropriateness and suitability to the occasion should govern our choice. Pretty dresses and jewelry are not for places of business.

Last but not least, we must think of our pocketbook and ask ourselves these questions: "Do I need another garment?" "What type of dress will be best suited to the demands in my situation?" "How much money can I spend on such a dress?"

INFLUENCE.

Influence is a power we exert over others by our thought, words and actions. We all of us at times lose sight of this principle, and apparently act on the assumption that what we do or think or say can affect no one but ourselves. But we are so connected with the immortal beings around us that we cannot avoid exerting a most important influence over their character and final conditions. Since we all have a personal influence and our words and actions leave a well high indelible trace, it is our duty to make that influence as potential for good as possible. In order to do this you must show yourself a woman among all. How great a beauty and blessing it is to hold the royal gift of the soul, so that they shall be made to some and fragrance to others and life to all! Some women cling to their homes like the honey-suckle over the door, yet, like it, sweeten all the region with the subtle fragrance of their goodness.

Oh, it is terrible the power that we have; the power of influence. No thought to us is more rife with a solemn grandeur of interest than that which relates to the influence we are silently exerting upon our fellow creature. We read that not in the earthquake that shook the mountain pillars, nor the whirlwind that rent the forest was God found; but in the "still, small voice," which, like the whisper of love, breathes into the heart what

the loud voice cannot.

Is it worth while, because you feel out of sorts, to pull a long face, to be disagreeable and cross to every one you meet and so make them unhappy? A cheerful smile, a kind word will not only make your friends and neighbors lighter hearted, but will help to cheer you also. A cheerful countenance is a duty we owe to our neighbors and how much more is it necessary in the home! Our friends can get out of our way if we are not good companions, but our family cannot. They are helpless victims, shut up in the same house with us. For the sake of the children, for the sake of the elders, for the sake of all humanity, let us cultivate a pleasant smile, a hearty laugh, and a habit of cheerfulness.

MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO., CONCORD, MASS., INCORP.

FORWARDED MARCH 3, 1916.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.
Real Estate, \$20,189.32
Mortgage Loans, 27,623.09
Stocks and Bonds, 498,943.84
Cash in Office and Bank, 4,062.32
Agents' Balances, 18,880.07
Interest and Rents Accrued, 5,706.04
All other Assets, 10,290.63

Gross Assets, \$490,817.17
Deduct items not admitted, 18,318.32

Admitted Assets, \$472,498.85
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$3,677.07
Unearned Premiums, 317,559.29
All other Liabilities, 4,858.48
Surplus over all Liabilities, 223,393.31

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$472,498.85

The unearned part of the premium is returned to the policyholder at expiration. For over 40 years, not less than 25 per cent has been returned on one year policies, 40 per cent on three year policies, and 60 per cent on five year policies.

GREAT BARNER CASUALTY CO.,

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans, \$176,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 850,250.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 100,091.37
Agents' Balances, 139,003.51
Interest Accrued, 15,142.13

Gross Assets, \$1,291,487.00
Admitted Assets, \$1,291,487.00
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$139,538.82
Unearned Premiums, 421,455.99
All other Liabilities, 85,413.55
Cash Capital, 350,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 295,078.50

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,291,487.00

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. B. J. Russell of Hallowell is working for Mr. Porter Farwell.

Mr. Chas. G. Kimball of Bethel was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Howe.

Mr. Edgar Swan and friend, Edward Shepherd of Providence, R. I., were last week's guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan.

Mrs. Elsie Bartlett has returned from several weeks visit with relatives in Lowell and Cambridge, Mass., also in Bethel.

Mrs. Hayes, a trained nurse from Portland, is spending several weeks vacation with Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett and family.

Mrs. Hazel M. Barbers is spending a part of her school vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball.

Mr. George Blake has returned home to Maine, Mass. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett, for a two weeks' vacation.

Porter Farwell & Son are loading a car of wood to be shipped to Berlin, N. H. All the wood is inspected on account of the mites.

CANTON

Mrs. J. R. Austin and daughter, Miss Emma Keene, of Mexico have been guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayes.

Mrs. W. F. Mitchell has returned home from an extended stay in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Ireland are visiting in Phillips.

At the meeting of Ponemah Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening, the degree was conferred on one candidate and refreshments served.

The children of D. L. Barker are all ill with the grip.

Osmer Doty and family have returned from Boston, where they have been spending the winter, to their home in Gilbertville.

Arthur A. Glines is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bardell Wright have been visiting in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knapp of Byron are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mrs. Lucy Nason and Mrs. Marie Nason of Livermore Falls and Mrs. Marjorie Pierce of Gardiner have been guests of Mrs. C. P. Oldham and family.

Herschel York, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. York, is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Clara M. Barrows has been assisting in the care of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Partridge, who is some better.

Dana Yates and family have moved from Lake street to the house they formerly occupied on High street.

Mrs. Harriet F. Reynolds is very ill and a consultation of physicians has been held. Her son, W. A. Reynolds, is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Fred A. Parsons, who passed away at Mexico, Wednesday morning, was a former resident of Canton and Hartford, where she had many friends.

She had been in frail health for many years. She was born in Hartford, the daughter of Joseph S. Mendall and Emily Lucas Mendall. A brother, Charles A. Mendall, passed away at Melrose, Mass., only a few weeks ago.

She is survived by her husband, son, daughter, Mrs. Frank Proctor of Hartford, and several grandchildren, two of whom, Alice and Fred Bennett, have always made their home with their grandparents. The funeral was held at Mexico, Friday, and the remains taken to Mechanic Falls for interment, Saturday. Among those who attended the funeral from this vicinity were: Wm. F. Mitchell, Mrs. Leora M. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Mitchell, Jr., Mr. Wm. L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parsons and Caleb E. Mendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Howes of Mechanic Falls have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Richardson and family.

Mrs. Frederick Schaffer of Naugatuck, Conn., has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank W. Musco. Her mother, Mrs. L. B. Spaulding, returned with her for a visit.

Mrs. Harriet Reynolds is very low at this writing.

Rev. J. J. Hull occupied the pulpit of the United Baptist church, Sunday at both services very acceptably. In the evening a quartet composed of Clyde Dickson, Theon Woodward, Geo. Gerry and Arthur Westgate sang "Traveling Home," "Wonderful Peace," and "Rock of Ages," in an impressive manner.

The Ladies' Aid of the United Baptist church meets Thursday at the G. A. R. Hall.

At the G. A. R. Hall, Saturday evening Miss L. B. Treadwell gave a banquet and organized her Sabbath school class. Charles Bartlett was elected President. Harold Bradford, Vice President; Katherine Hollis, Secretary; and Charles Hollis, Treasurer. Committees were also appointed. Rev. J. J. Hull and Miss Treadwell gave a helpful talk to the young people.

Frederick Tripp left Saturday for a few days visit with his people at Gray.

Saves Boy From Worms

Mrs. Jennie Bowen of Meredith, N. H., writes this kind of letter: "You have helped my little boy. His would have been in his grave before long."

Some symptoms of worms are: Do sagged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of cheeks that, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the feet, itchy red spots sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

If you have the least suspicion that your child is troubled with stomach worms or pinworms, put him on the road to good health by using Dr. True's Worms, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller. This remedy has been on the market for over 60 years. No better all rounder made for young or old. At all druggists. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Write for information.

Autumn, Maine.

Dr. J. F. True

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READY after six months of the most intense effort, the most strenuous endeavor we have ever put forth in assembling a season's stock for our stores.

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The greatest Throat and Lung remedy. Works like oil on machinery quickly and surely. No opiates or alcohol, pleasant to take. Guaranteed and sold by all dealers in medicines, 25c and 50c bottles.

THE AUTOMOBILE INS. CO., OF

HARTFORD, CONN.

650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans, \$145,100.00
Collateral Loans, 106,750.00
Bonds, 1,893,980.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 325,097.04
Agents' Balances, 285,097.01
Bills Receivable and Surplus Accounts, 2,927.09
Interest and Rents, 23,942.10
All other Assets, 6,220.33

Gross Assets, \$2,778,229.37
Deduct items not admitted, 29,197.38

Admitted Assets, \$2,749,031.99
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$150,569.96
Unearned Premiums, 776,908.71
All other Liabilities, 82,504.14
Cash Capital, 1,600,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 709,858.39

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,749,031.99

plus, Arthur L. Orne, Rockland, The Talbot Ins. Agency, Camden.

THE AETNA ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY COMPANY,

650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans, \$1,589,050.00
Collateral Loans, 767,014.83
Stocks and Bonds, 3,623,758.34
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,663,854.66
Agents' Balances, 709,496.28
Bills Receivable and Surplus Accounts, 20,026.30
Interest and Rents, 77,766.79
All other Assets, 69,651.82

Gross Assets, \$7,910,718.52
Deduct items not admitted, 135,404.39

Admitted Assets, \$7,775,314.13
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$ 883,139.85
Unearned Premiums, 2,146,942.07
All other Liabilities, 429,332.63
Cash Capital, 1,900,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 3,297,001.59

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$7,775,314.13

plus, Merrill & Hastings, Fryeburg, 316 St.—P.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Accident and Liability Department, 650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate, \$ 9,818.03
Mortgage Loans, 2,771,870.00
Collateral Loans, 15,480.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,065,097.50
Cash in Office and Bank, 2,828,068.68
Agents' Balances, 1,540,132.63
Bills Receivable and Surplus Accounts, 18,928.59
Interest and Rents, 170,169.75
All other Assets, 118,015,930.55

Gross Assets, \$131,943,397.63
Deduct items not admitted, 44,772.53

Admitted Assets, \$131,898,625.10
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$3,922,519.51
Unearned Premiums, 4,426,392.78
All other Liabilities, 103,961,178.91
Cash Capital, 5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 15,985,233.30

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$131,898,625.10

plus, Merrill & Hastings, Fryeburg, 316 St.—P.

UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY COMPANY, BALTIMORE, MD.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate, \$720,008.11
Mortgage Loans, 18,800.00
Collateral Loans, 29,300.00
Stocks and Bonds, 9,145,534.20
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,533,191.07
Agents' Balances, 2,151,050.40
Bills Receivable, 400.00
Interest and Rents, 121,566.63
All other Assets, 394,470.80

Gross Assets, \$14,118,319.81
Deduct items not admitted, 875,359.52

Admitted Assets, \$13,242,960.29
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$3,008,370.38
Unearned Premiums, 4,832,480.90
Contingent Reserve, 50,000.00
All other Liabilities, 663,289.70
Cash Capital, 3,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 1,688,808.21

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$13,242,960.29

plus, Ralph W. Leighton, Agent, Augusta, Maine.

Oxford Ins. Agency, Rumford, Maine, 216 St.—P.

Shake Off That Grip

When Spring comes, with its changeable weather and your exposure, it is best to clear away all the symptoms left after an attack of grip. That evil disease leaves you weakened, and when its victim attempts to "do his bit" he exposes himself to the risk of a second attack, for which he is less prepared, and which may have graver consequences.

There's Danger in Delay

April and May are pneumonia months. In this time a weakened system is a constant source of danger, for the pneumonia and grip infections are in the air, and after a long winter the body is so clogged with waste it cannot resist them. Fortify the health, remove the catarrh, and improve the digestion.

For Quick Relief PERUNA

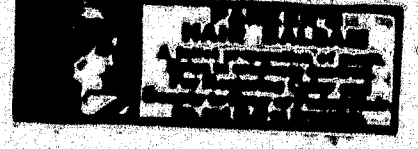
This reliable tonic is recommended to remove the waste from the body, counteract the catarrhal poisons and slay the inflammation that is catarrh, restore the regular appetite and tone up the entire system to resist disease. A well man is safe.

As a tonic after grip it has won many commendations, while its effectiveness in catarrhal conditions is unquestioned. Take no chances—Take Peruna.

Peruna Tablets are always ready to take. You may carry a box with you and ward off colds and chills. The liquid medicine in your home is a great safeguard. Protect your family.

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PRUDENCE Makes the Heart Glad



RUMFORD

Joseph Vallee has gone to Canada, called there by the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenman are in New York City for a ten days' trip.

Joseph Gagnon has completed his duties as janitor at the State House in Augusta, and has returned to Rumford.

Mrs. Beatrice Dyer is clerking in the store of C. J. Leary.

A St. Patrick's Day concert will be held under the auspices of St. Athanasius Church.

Mr. Joseph Bolanger has purchased and is to occupy the Fredland J. Morrison bungalow on Crescent avenue, Virginia District.

Miss Laura McMenamin, who has been spending the past two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. McMenamin at Frederickton, N. B., has returned to town and resumed her duties at the Rumford garage this week.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Virginia District will hold a food sale in Gauthier and Voter's store on March 16th at 2:30 P. M.

The high school has entered the Colby Interscholastic Debating Contest, and the following team has been picked to debate at Colby College on April 20th: Merle Niles, Stanley Powell, William Leader. They will uphold the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, that the United States shall endorse the principle advocated by the League to Enforce Peace."

This Colby Debating Contest which is open to students of the high schools and academies of Maine, offers this inducement: one hundred dollars, given in memory of Hon. Forrest Goodwin of Skowhegan, is awarded to the winning team.

The debate of Stephens high school of Rumford against the strong Hebron team will take place at the high school assembly hall on the evening of March 16th on the question: Resolved, that the United States should own and operate the railroads. Stephens high will defend the affirmative, and has a reputation in debating throughout the State which is going to be concerned to the best of the school's ability, while Hebron has a powerful team.

The judges will be Prof. J. Murray Carroll, Bates College; Prof. Austin H. McGormick, Bowdoin College; Principal George D. Church, Abbott School, Farmington.

Miss Jennie Norman, who has been employed as clerk and buyer for the C. H. McKenzie Company for several years, has completed her duties with that firm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glover have moved to Portland.

Horace Hanson of Andover is visiting at the home of his son, Herman Hanson.

Charles Alameda of Massachusetts is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thomas at Houghton.

Alec McDonald of Massachusetts is visiting his brother, Rodney McDonald and family of Hancock street.

Miss Mabel Kerr has completed her duties in the office of Dr. E. A. Sheehy.

Frank Taylor, proprietor of the cigar and tobacco store under Hotel Rumford, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of third assessor at the annual meeting of the Rumford Village Corporation.

The artists of the Chapman concert to be given in New Municipal Hall on Thursday evening of this week are: Miss Nina Morgana, soprano; Miss Emma Williams, violinist; Mr. Martin Richardson, tenor. This is given under the auspices of Mechanics Institute.

The program for the fashion show to be given by Levin, Senter Company on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week is: Live models direct from New York, five reels of moving pictures, fashion show act by seven New York girls, fashion display on live models. There will be a large orchestra.

Mrs. Maurice Reynolds of Boston is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Atwood of Prospect avenue, Virginia District.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jocelyn of Portland are the guests of Mrs. Jocelyn's parents, Hon. and Mrs. Geo. D. Babson of Franklin street.

Miss Jennie Norman, who has been employed by the C. H. McKenzie Company for several years past, has accepted a position as clerk with the E. K. Day Company.

Mr. Carleton Dennis has rented the Robley Harrison bungalow on Crescent avenue.

UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY

Time is the test of truth. And Don's Kidney Pills have stood the test in Bethel. No Bethel resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

Frank Heath, stationary engineer, R. P. D. No. 2, Bethel, says: "For several years I suffered from kidney trouble. I had sharp shooting pains through the small of my back and had headaches and dizzy spells. I felt tired all the time and on getting up in the morning was stiff and sore. On the advice of a friend, I began using Don's Kidney Pills. After two boxes, I noticed a great improvement in my health. The pains through the small of my back disappeared and the dizzy spells let up." (Statement given May 2, 1912.)

On June 8, 1913, Mr. Heath said: "I have had no need of a kidney medicine since using Don's Kidney Pills. I have a great deal of confidence in this medicine to this date."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Don's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Heath has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Adv.

cent avenue, Mr. William Clough and family having moved into their newly purchased residence on Prospect avenue.

Mr. Dennis' marriage to Miss Marie Lovejoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lovejoy of Franklin street, takes place about Easter time.

The Rumford Inn at the corner of Hartford and Canal streets is nearly demolished, and the purchaser is congratulating himself, as the old building contains a large amount of good spruce lumber, which is certainly worth something in this day of high prices.

WEST BETHEL.

The Northwest Bethel school league with their parents gave an entertainment at the Pleasant Valley Grange Hall, Saturday evening for the benefit of the Grange. There was a good attendance and a nice sum of money realized.

Monday fourteen men gathered at the home of W. A. Farwell and cut, hauled, sawed and fitted wood, as Mr. Farwell has been in poor health all winter.

Mrs. Hugh Thurston entertained her sister from Portland from Saturday until Monday evening.

Mrs. C. McNeil is at Bryant's Pond caring for the sick.

Herbert Mason from Bridgewater, Mass., was in this place Thursday to see his aunt, Octavia Grover, who is in ill health. Mrs. Lucy Cushing from Mason is staying with her now.

Mrs. Alden Mason, Jr., has been visiting friends at Lancaster, N. H.

School closed Friday, taught by Miss Jennie Bean.

The six scholars from this place are having a recess of a week from their studies at Gould's Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Scribner are in Auburn, Me., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown.

Mrs. Ella Wright and E. Briggs were here recently to see E. R. Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen from Bethel village were at L. E. Allen's Sunday.

Miss Margery Jordan from Bryant's Pond is visiting at Mr. McNeil's.

Mrs. Maudie O'Reilly will go to Portland and Boston the last of the week.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Miss Marjorie Allen of Bethel is visiting at C. A. Baker's.

Robert Flier is at the sick list.

Miss Mary Gorman is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gorman.

Quite a number attended the dance at Newry Center, Saturday night.

Henry Leonard was in this place Sunday.

Frank Chapman's baby had the misfortune of hurting his arm quite badly one day recently.

Mrs. Chas. Hean is in Rumford, caring for Mrs. Ican Stone.

Mrs. Geo. Spence, who is staying at H. M. Randall's, spent a few days with Mrs. Fred Muntz on Grover Hill, recently.

Howard Bailey is helping Joe Spence.

Anson Kendall is working in Bryant's mill.

ANDOVER

Ray Thurston has finished his lumbering operations at Aziscoos and returned to Andover with his teams.

Mina Stevens is visiting friends in Dover, N. H.

Mrs. French, who has spent several weeks at Glenellis, returned last week to her home in Boston, much improved in health.

Lone Mt. Grange will have a Charter Members' Day, Saturday, March 17. The chairs will be filled by the following charter members: John Talbot, Master; C. E. Cushman, Overseer; Mrs. G. W. Abbott, Lecturer; L. N. Hall, Secretary; Geo. W. Abbott, Treasurer; John Bailey, Chaplain; W. W. Perkins, Steward; Oscar Damon, Assistant Steward; Mrs. John Bailey, Correspondent; C. E. Cushman, Pomona; Mrs. Wallace Richards, Flora; Mrs. Oscar Damon, L. A. Steward; Wallace Richards, Gate Keeper.

Clarence Hall, wife and daughter, Helen, were guests of W. N. Akers and family, Sunday.

Will Harris is cutting wood on the Emerson farm for Ray Thurston.

The King's Daughters meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Willard Newhall.

Roger Thurston and Frank Keith are attending Supreme Court at So. Paris this week.

Horace Hanson has been visiting his son, Herman Hanson, at Rumford.

Corporal Harry W. Laite of the 60th Battalion from Canada, serving with the allies in France and Belgium, just returned from the trenches, gave a very interesting lecture at the Congregational church, Thursday evening, March 8. Although the evening was stormy a large audience was present and listened with wrapt attention.

A brother, Rev. W. W. Laite, from Rumford Center was present. Mr. Laite sang some fine songs before the lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Akers are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Robert Preston, Thursday, Mar. 8.

Ellie Akers has been ill with the grip.

The Ancient and Honorable Wolf Club was entertained Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ripley at their home on Main street. Mrs. Clayton Sweet and Owen Lovejoy won the first prizes.

Mr. Frank Moore, who has been a guest at Glenellis, returned last week to his home in Portland.

The young people played their drama at Hanover, Wednesday evening of last week.

Walter Hanson, who underwent an operation at McCarthy's Hospital, recently visited at his son's, Irving Hanson and family this week, before returning to his home in Peru.

Mr. R. L. Akers, who has been in 411 water and Oldtown through the winter, is visiting George Wakefield and family at Pittsburg, Pa.

Harry Lowe broke his leg last week while working in the woods for Stephen Marston. Dr. McCarthy and Dr. Leslie were called.

Herbert Campbell has finished pressing hay and is saving wood for parties in the village.

The P. R. K. of P. gave a drama and dance in the hall Wednesday evening, March 14. Dancing was on jived after the play.

Irving Akers is hauling wood to people at the village.

Mrs. M. A. Howard is caring for her daughter, Mrs. Guy Akers.

Rena Leonard has been ill with a severe cold.

The Juvenile Whist Club met with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Burgess, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Herbert Campbell has been suffering with a bad cold.

EAST PERU.

Harvey Ollman, assistant baggage master at Rumford, was at home over Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Howard entertained the Sunshine Sewing Circle last Tuesday afternoon.

Kidder Bros. have finished their logging job on the Ollman and Irish lots.

W. S. Haire and E. E. Cox were at Dickvale one day recently.

C. R. Luce has been spending a few days at Lewiston.

A son was born to the wife of Walter Cunningham, March 8.

Quite a number from this place attended the high school exhibition at Cushman Opera House last Tuesday evening.

David Russell has returned from Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Abbott entertained a party of neighbors and friends at their home last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Leland Andrews and two children are stopping with Mrs. J. E. Irish.

Miss Lavina D. Irish has returned to her work at Providence, R. I.

B. D. Packard is handling pulp wood to Walker's siding in Canton. Mr. Packard has a nice stock of early spring lamb.

WEST PARIS

Aaron Franklin Williams, who died Wednesday evening, March 7, was born in Bethel, Me., March 9, 1841. He was educated in the common schools of his native city. At the age of 15 he entered upon the experience of a sailor accompanying his father, who was a sea captain engaged in coastwise trade between Bethel and Boston.

In December, 1860, they started for Boston in a small schooner laden with lumber. When off the Isles of Shoals at night the vessel sprung a leak filling so badly as to prevent managing its course. They drifted past Cape Cod and on the seventh day were rescued by a ship bound for New Orleans. The crew were without food during this time and for three days had no water. They suffered also from intense cold. Capt. Williams and others of the crew, except young Aaron, were badly frozen. On arrival at New Orleans all were taken to the Charity Hospital. Capt. Williams died from the effects of his experiences which included the amputation of one leg. In the spring the subject of this sketch returned to his home.

Soon afterward he again sailed with his brother as Captain. Continuing to follow the coast trade until 1861, when they entered the government transport service for the entire period of the civil war.

From 1865 to 1869 the brothers engaged in the grocery business under the firm name of L. Williams & Brother. Their store was located on the corner of Washington and Vine streets in the home city. Ten years later Aaron F. opened a store at 67 Center street, where he remained until 1904 when he sold to F. Wilber Brown.

Mr. Williams was twice married. An only daughter, Annie L., is a child of the first wife. She married Dr. E. E. Wheeler and it was to their home at West Paris that Mr. Williams went after the death of his second wife, and his retirement from the mercantile business.

He was a man of refined taste and quick ability of character. Enough of quiet manner and retiring disposition his general nature and sterling worth was many firm friends. Although not a church member, he was a regular attendant at church for many years. Expressing sympathetic interest in the Universalist church and contributing to its support. He was a member of Lincoln Lodge of Odd Fellows.

For several years he has been subject to severe attacks of high blood pressure but was about the home until a late hour Wednesday afternoon when he suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion.

Funeral services were held at the Wheeler home, Friday afternoon attended by his beloved friend, Rev. D. A. Ball.

On Saturday, Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler accompanied the body to Bethel.

Adney R. Tuell returned Thursday from his trip to Waterville, where he was a guest at the New England telephone conference, also a visit with his son, William A. Tuell of Lewiston. Perhaps one of the greatest surprises he had was when attending a moving picture show, his picture with his Orpington hen appeared upon the canvas.

William F. Willis underwent a surgical operation at the Central Maine General Hospital last week, and is reported gaining.

The annual prize speaking contest of West Paris high school was held Friday evening. Grange Hall was filled with an appreciative audience, who were in no way disappointed, as each contestant was worthy of much praise. First prize, gold medal, was won by Miss Marjorie McAllister, second prize, silver medal, by Paul Whitten, third prize, bronze medal, by Edna Whitman. Also a medal was presented Frank C. Packard, who won the championship for boys at the annual tennis tournament. Rev. L. V. Grundy offered prayer, Rev. D. A. Ball presented the gifts and pronounced the benediction. The judges were A. D. Park, Rev. A. T. McWhorter, Morton Rolater, all of South Paris. The gifts were made possible through the generosity of Frederick R. Penley, Edwin J. Mann, Dr. F. E. Wheeler and Lewis M. Mann.

W. C. Stevens, accompanied by Geo. Willis of Mexico, recently spent a day at Labrador Pond fishing through the ice.

HEAL SKIN ERUPTIONS.

Painful eruptions are more active in spring when the blood is over-heated, the burning itching torture is unbearable, relieve it at once and heal the eruptions with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. This ointment is a new, powerful, promptly effective in all skin troubles. Pimples, blackheads, acne, freckles, ring worms, scaly blotchy skin, all respond to Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Get it to day at your druggists, 25c. guaranteed.

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"WAR IS HELL."
Let the People who do the fighting and who in the end pay the price in blood, tears and poverty decide whether there shall be Peace or War.
No Declaration of War without a Popular Referendum Vote.
Resolutions of the National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America:
"BE IT RESOLVED, by the National and State officials of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America in Washington, D. C., February 10th, 1917, that we are unitedly in favor of peace and that we urge upon President Wilson and upon Congress to do everything in their power to prevent war."
An overwhelming majority of the voters are opposed to war.
If those favoring war doubt this let them submit the question to a vote of the people. Demand of your Senators and Congressmen that there shall be no Declaration of War without a Popular Referendum Vote.
Remember, the disciples of peace do not reap the golden harvest of the advocates of war. A dollar now may have many dollars later on in taxation and possibly save a son. Help the group of people who are struggling in face of the tremendous opposition of the "United Interests." Help to save civilization from destruction.
MRS. J. SERGEANT GRAM (for the committee)
"PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY PEACE FEDERATION,"
Room 901, 70 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.
The National Grange to Congressman Warren Worth Bailey:
Peach Bottom, Pa. Feb. 10, 1917.
Hon. Warren Worth Bailey, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
With consummate courage and skill you have so far in these trying circumstances kept us free from war and we are confident that you will continue to strive for peace with honor. We send you this telegram to let you know that the metropolitan press in urging war is not representing the feelings of our people, who deplore the possibility of war at all, and certainly not until every peaceful alternative has been tried. Have sent a copy of this telegram to President Wilson.
Oliver Wilson, Oliver Black, John A. McSparran, Legislative Committee National Grange.
Advertisement.

WEST PERU.
David Chenery and Alton Lovjoy loaded a car with wood for L. K. Lovjoy last Saturday at Dixfield station.
Ina Foster has returned home from her work at Bernard Putnam's in Dickvale.
Mrs. Aurilla Gowell is in poor health. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Ezra Staples.
New Century Persons Grange will meet with West Peru Grange, Mar. 11. Mildred Tracy is again working for L. K. Lovjoy.
Miss Nellie L. Tracy has returned home. She has been teaching school at South Woodstock.
Friends of Mrs. B. C. Putnam are pleased to hear she is now gaining. Hiram Washburn, Lowell Shaw, Gratian Gordon and son, Leslie, are all working for Newton Stowell at Dixfield.
Mrs. Hiram Washburn has returned home from her visit at Wells. Will Dixon visited at L. K. Lovjoy's and at R. B. Tracy's recently.
Many a man gets a reputation for being good natured because he is too lazy to take his own part.

PROBATE NOTICES.
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published, three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1917, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.
Charles A. Lucas late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Davis G. Lovejoy, administrator.
George E. Farrar late of Hanover, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in his hands presented by Harry G. Bryant, administrator.
Charles A. Lucas late of Bethel, deceased; petition for determination of collateral inheritance tax presented by Davis G. Lovejoy, administrator.
Moses M. Hastings late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of H. H. Hastings or some other suitable person as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, presented by Agnes H. Dodge, sole heir.
ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
3-131.

PROBATE NOTICES.
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court at Paris in and for the County of Oxford on the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1917, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.
Louise G. Hastings late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of H. H. Hastings as executor thereof, he being named as such in the will, presented by Agnes H. Dodge, daughter and only heir.
ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARK, Register.
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NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Esch B. Knapp late of Newry in the County of Oxford, deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
ORDELLA A. POSTER, February 26th, 1917.
3-131.

The Old Home Remedy
"L. F."
ATWOOD'S
Medicine
A good remedy to keep in the house, for stomach ailments, bilious attacks, sick headache, constipation and those little ills that so often make you, or your children, so uncomfortable. It is safe and sure, and always gives speedy relief.

the place of the oyster shell.
The preferred form of channel
is the round. It is advisable

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WOMAN NOW IN PERFECT HEALTH

What Came From Reading a Pinkham Advertisement.

Peterson, N. J. — "I thank you for the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies as they have made me well and healthy. Some time ago I felt so run down, had pains in my back and side, was very irregular, tired, nervous, had such bad dreams, did not feel like eating and had short breath. I read your advertisement in the newspapers and decided to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It worked from the first bottle, so I took a second and a third, also a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier, and now I am just as well as any other woman. I advise every woman, single or married, who is troubled with any of the above-said ailments, to try your wonderful Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier and I am sure they will help her to get rid of her troubles as they did me." — Mrs. ELSIE J. VAN DER SANDS, 36 No. York St., Paterson, N. J.

Write the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (Confidential) Lynn, Mass., if you need special advice.

HOW TO FEED YOUR CHICKENS.

By G. E. Conkey.

Some chicken raisers imagine the only important thing in feeding is what to feed. When to feed and how often to feed are, however, also extremely important in determining success. We will consider feeding, therefore, from all three angles.

When you consider what to feed, bear in mind that there are two distinct methods of feeding. One consists of the use of whole or cracked grains only; the other uses these in conjunction with a dry or wet mash.

GRAIN AND MASH USED.
The grain and mash combination is used more than the other as this is by far the most successful, especially with laying hens. Up to a few years ago, wet mash was by far the more popular, but since the introduction of the dry mash hopper, the majority of commercial chicken farmers have turned to the dry mash. The reason for this is greater convenience, the saving of labor, and the elimination of contaminated food. Many poultrymen still insist that wet mash is better for egg production than dry, but wet mash is in many instances a danger to the health of the fowl. If you use wet mash, be careful to see that the mixture is not wet or sloppy. The milk as an ingredient, preferably sour milk, as this gives the best results. Do not use more than once per day except in cases where you are fattening your birds. Buttermilk can now be purchased in dry form. It can be mixed with either the dry or the wet mash. It is convenient, sanitary, and possesses great digestive and food values.

EQUAL QUANTITIES BEST.
It has been found that the best results are obtained when birds consume about two pounds of grain to one of mash. This would mean about equal quantities by measure where the materials like bran or alfalfa are used. Table scraps can also be used to a very good advantage. They add variety to the feed but care should be taken never to feed the birds anything that is in any way spoiled for disease and sickness will result.

FEEDING VARIETY.
Ordinarily, fowls are fed three times a day but this will vary with the food used. Where a dry mash is fed, the birds can be fed once a day. The whole and cracked grains are fed once a day. Give a smaller quantity but feed more often if you wish to keep them active. This is to be recommended where the litter on the floor is not very deep.

If the wet mash is fed as the evening meal, give the birds all their feed at once. In the daytime, however, nothing over a half feed will cause activity and will prove harmful.

Underfeeding is much more dangerous than overfeeding. Birds will not produce the desired number of eggs unless fed properly and the young chicks will not thrive if they are underfed. While there is little danger of overfeeding with the proper system of use, the hen that takes on fat has no room for the proper system of use.

GRIT AND SHELL ARE NECESSARY.
Both grit and shell are of prime importance to both old and young chicks. Birds do not grind their food with their oyster shells and must always have grit regardless of what else is given. Also remember that the oyster shell does not take the place of the charcoal, but neither does the charcoal take the place of the oyster shell. When the powdered form of charcoal is not used in the mash, it is advisable to have it properly cracked in the

hoppers where the chickens can easily secure it. Good clean, fresh water must always be kept in front of the birds. It should be kept in a cool place in the winter and in a warm place in the summer. Protect it from dirt and filth. Filth and dirt should have no place in the poultry house.

AUTOMATIC FEEDERS.
Many chicken raisers are getting excellent results from the automatic feeders, of which there are many on the market. These are operated by the birds themselves and eliminates all danger of underfeeding. While in some instances they have not given perfect satisfaction, they have proven of great value with the more active breeds.

BIRDS MUST EXERCISE.
Exercise is as necessary as food, and fowls cannot get along properly without it. They will not consume the necessary amount of food, as they naturally will not assimilate it unless they have constant exercise. It is a good rule to feed all the whole or cracked grain in a deep litter, perhaps making an exception in the hottest weather where the houses may get too warm for comfort or where birds are on range during the summer season. "Make them work for their living" is a slogan that will pay every poultryman.

WATCH FOR LICE.
Remember also, that food will do your fowls but little good if they are troubled with lice. All your efforts will be wasted if the lice have their way. Watch for them and give battle at every turn. It is time and money well expended.

FEEDING FOR BREEDING.
In concluding these remarks on feeding we might add that stock to be used for breeding should not be forced for rapid growth or egg production, but allowed to develop more slowly. Bulkier fowls with a lessened amount of concentrated protein should insure more vigor in the progeny.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

A summary of the March crop for the state of Maine, and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

MAINE.

Wheat on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 40,000 bushels, compared with 39,000 a year ago and 24,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$— per bushel, compared with \$— a year ago and \$— two years ago.

Corn on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 61,000 bushels, compared with 79,000 a year ago and 123,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$1.35 per bushel, compared with 90 cents a year ago and 80 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchantable Quality—The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 75 per cent, compared with 70 per cent of the 1915 crop and 71 per cent of the 1914 crop.

Oats on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 1,710,000 bushels, compared with 2,430,000 a year ago and 1,960,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers 81 cents per bushel, compared with 55 cents a year ago and 60 cents two years ago.

Barley on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 37,000 bushels, compared with 23,000 a year ago and 58,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, 97 cents per bushel, compared with 90 cents a year ago and 80 cents two years ago.

Wheat on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 1,160,000 bushels, compared with 1,110,000 a year ago and 1,520,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers \$1.04 per bushel, compared with \$1.03 a year ago and \$1.24 two years ago.

Corn on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 79,000 bushels, compared with 110,000 a year ago and 910,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers \$1.04 per bushel, compared with 82 cents a year ago and 73 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchantable Quality—The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 81 per cent, compared with 71.1 per cent of the 1915 crop and 81 per cent of the 1914 crop.

Oats on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 591,000 bushels, compared with 584,100 a year ago and 528,500 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers 59 cents per bushel, compared with 42 cents a year ago and 53 cents two years ago.

Barley on Farms—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 32,500 bushels, compared with 55,900 a year ago and 43,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers 98 cents per bushel, compared with 90 cents a year ago and 87 cents two years ago.



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PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE

ETHEL HUESTON

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Prudence Starr, eldest of five daughters, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Morning Star, as housekeeper for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfiture. One of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, the twins' cousin, practices modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV—The twins prepare a commiseration for initiation into their private society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V—When Fairy entertains Eugene Babler in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that she is small place in the Starr family home.

CHAPTER VI.

Practicing Economy.

It was a dull day early in December. Prudence and Fairy were working in the bay window of the sitting room.

"We must be sure to have all the scraps out of the way before Connie gets home," said Prudence, carefully fitting together pieces of a dark, warm, furry material. "It has been so long since father wore this coat, I am sure she will not recognize it."

"But she will ask where we got it, and what shall we say?"

"We must tell her it is goods we have had in the house for a long time. That is true. And I made this fudge on purpose to distract her attention. Poor child!" she added very sympathetically. "Her heart is just set on a brand-new coat. I know she will be bitterly disappointed. If the members would just pay up we could get her one. November and December are such hard months for parsonage people. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas now, and forgets that parsonage people need Christmas money, too."

Fairy took a pin from her mouth. "I have honestly been ashamed of Connie the last few Sundays. It was so cold, and she wore only that little thin summer jacket. She must have been half frozen."

"Oh, I had her dressed warmly under the covers. Very warmly indeed," declared Prudence. "But no matter how warm you are underneath, you look cold if you aren't visibly prepared for winter weather. I kept hoping enough money would come in to buy her a coat for once in her life."

"She has been looking forward to one long enough," put in Fairy. "This will be a bitter blow to her. And yet it is not such a bad-looking coat, after all. And she quickly ran up a seam on the machine."

"Here comes Connie!" Prudence hastily snatched a pile of scraps out of sight, and turned to greet her little sister with a cheerful smile.

"Come on in, Connie," she cried, with a brightness she did not feel. "Fairy and I are making you a new coat. Isn't it pretty? And so warm! See the nice velvet collar and cuffs. We want to fit you on right away, dear."

Connie picked up a piece of the goods and examined it intently. "Don't you want some fudge, Connie?" exclaimed Fairy, shoving the dish toward her hurriedly.

Connie took a piece from the plate, and thrust it between her teeth. Her eyes were still fastened upon the brown furry cloth.

"Where did you get this stuff?" she inquired, as soon as she was able to speak.

"Out of the trunk in the parlor, Connie. Don't you want some more fudge? I put a lot of nuts in, especially on your account."

"It's good," said Connie, taking another piece. She examined the cloth very closely. "Say, Prudence, isn't this that old brown coat of father's?"

Fairy shoved her chair back from the table, and ran to the window. "Look, Prudence," she cried. "Isn't that Mrs. Adams coming this way? I wonder—"

"No, it isn't," answered Connie gravely. "It's just Miss Avery getting home from school. Isn't it Prudence's father's coat, I mean?"

"Yes, Connie, it is," said Prudence, very, very gravely. "But no one here has seen it, and it is such nice cloth—just exactly what girls are wearing now."

"But I wanted a new coat!" Connie did not cry. She stood looking at Prudence with her wide hurt eyes.

table, her eyes still fastened on the coat, cut down from her father's. "Can I go and take a walk?" she asked finally.

"May I, you mean?" suggested Fairy. "Yes, may I? Maybe I can reconcile myself to it."

"Yes, go and take a walk," urged Prudence promptly, eager to get the small sober face beyond her range of vision.

"If I am not back when the twins get home, go right on and eat without me. I'll come back when I get things straightened out in my mind."

When Connie was quite beyond hearing, Prudence dropped her head on the table and wept. "Oh, Fairy! If the mem-

bers just know how such things hurt, maybe they'd pay up a little better. How do they expect parsonage people to keep up appearances when they haven't any money?"

"Oh, now, Prudence, you're worse than Connie! There's no use to cry about it. Parsonage people have to find happiness in spite of financial misery. Money isn't the first thing with folks like us."

"Dear little Connie! If she had cried about it, I wouldn't have cared so much. But she looked so—heart-broken, didn't she, Fairy?"

Connie certainly was heart-broken. More than that, she was a little disgruntled. She felt herself aroused to take action. Things had gone too far! Go to church in her father's coat she could not! She walked sturdily down the street toward the city—ironically so called. Her face was stony, her hands were clenched. But finally she brightened. Her lagging steps quickened. She slipped along quite cheerfully. She turned westward as she reached the corner of the square, and walking along that business street with shining eyes in front of the First National bank she paused, but after a few seconds she passed by. On the opposite corner was another bank. When she reached it, she walked in without pausing, and the massive door swung behind her.

The four older girls were at the table when Connie came home. She looked quite satisfied from every point. Prudence glanced at her once, and then looked away again. "She has reconciled herself," she thought. Dinner was half over before Constance burst her bomb.

"Are you going to be busy this afternoon, Prudence?" she asked quietly.

"We are going to sew a little," said Prudence. "Why?"

er eager for his release